(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Survey of rail lines in Uttaranchal

†1157. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work with relation to Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar and Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail lines in Uttaranchal has been completed; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting the work inspite of completion of survey work with regard to said rail lines in the most backward but a State having great future potentials i.e. Devbhoomi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The survey for a new line from Tanakpur to Ghat-Bageshwar (110 Kms.) were completed in the past but could not be considered due to its unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects. Further, based on demand, an updating survey for Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar has been taken up.

As regards Rishikesh to Karnprayag, a survey was completed in 1999-2000 as per which the cost of construction of 125 Kms. long line was assessed as Rs. 1372 crore. The proposal could not be considered in view of unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects.

Rail Coach Factory

1158. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up rail coach factory at Rai Bareli in Uttar Pradesh and a loco unit at Saran in Bihar;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up another rail production unit in Bihar State;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.